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Division of Biographic Information
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Subject: Hans GLOBKE

Gentlemen:

Both as a former officer of the Department of State and as Washington counsel for the American Jewish Committee, I know of your interest in the collection of biographic information on key political figures abroad.

I recently had brought to my attention a memorandum under date of May 1, 1950, by a third person from an alleged informed source within Germany. I requested the American Jewish Committee offices in New York to check on the matter and they have done so. For your information I enclose copy of the memorandum of May 1, 1950 referred to above and of the pertinent portions of a letter from the office of the American Jewish Committee in New York. The latter is under date of June 23, 1950.

Sincerely yours,

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Seymour J. Rubin

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The case of Globbs. In the German periodical "Der Spiegel" issued in the middle of April 1950, an article has been published on the matter of the German mission to foreign countries. In this article the name of the Ministerialrat Globbs was mentioned as the one who plays an important part in the selection of personnel for the German mission. It was mentioned that this gentleman did not favour staff members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who had been dismissed by the Hitler regime.

Der Spiegel has the reply that Mr. Globbs was the co-editor of the commentary on the recent law, issued by the West Government, on March 30th, 1950. Mr. Luthmann, member of the German Reichstag, asked the Government, in the frame of a discussion on foreign politics, about the personality of Mr. Globbs. Chancellor Adenauer answered that the case of Mr. Globbs had been assumed very closely by the Occupation Authorities.

According to the above-mentioned article Mr. Globbs is a former member of the Catholic Students Union.

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The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

June 23, 1950

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The data contained in the enclosure of your letter of June 20 on Dr. Globke are correct. We have the following additional information:

The Allgemeine Wochenzeitung der Juden in Deutschland states on May 19, 1950, that originally Dr. Globke was taken into consideration by Federal Chancellor Dr. Adenauer for the position of State Secretary for the Federal Chancery, but that since then he has gradually developed into the decisive authority over all personnel questions of the Federal administration. He was a leader of the national-conservative wing of the Catholic Students' Union, a group devoted to the pro-Hitler nationalist tradition of Hugenberg's Rheinland industrialists. This tendency explains, according to the paper, the early and easy attachment to Nazism of most state bureaucrats who had arisen from this Catholic students' group.

In the 1930's Globke served as rapporteur on "racial affairs" with the Reich Ministry of the Interior with the rank of an Ober-regierungsrat. In that capacity, he published in 1936, together with State Secretary Wilhelm Studart, a book of 282 pages: "Commentary on the German Racial Legislation," the spirit of which is sufficiently illustrated by the following passage from its introduction:

"The National Socialist Leadership of State believes unshakably that it is acting in the spirit of the Almighty Creator when it attempts to bring again to validity within the 'staetlichvoelkisch' order of the Third Reich, the eternal and imperishable laws of life and nature which rule both the destinies of the individual and those of the community."

We have the book in our library. The 30 page Introduction is squarely based on the "Main Kampf" thesis that "the sin against blood and race is the original sin of this world and the end of a humanity which indulges in it."

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